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DATA STRUCTURE FOR CLEANING A
DATABASE TABLE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-Final Office action dated February 19, 2002 in which the Examiner rejected all of the claims in view of prior art.

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims.

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1. A method for performing a clean operation on an input table having an input table name, comprising:
 - receiving at least one rule definition, wherein each rule definition indicates a find criteria, a replacement value, and an input data column in the input table;
 - searching, for each rule definition, the input data column for any fields that match the find criteria; and
 - inserting, for each rule definition, the replacement value in the fields in the input data column that match the find criteria, wherein subsequent applications of additional rule definitions